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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	American Home Missionary Society.
Title	American Home Missionary Society collection
Date	1825-1835
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes
Language	English

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Historical Note

In May 1826, representatives of the Congregational, Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed, and Associate Reformed churches from thirteen states and territories met in New York City and formed the American Home Missionary Society. The Reformed churches withdrew shortly after the AHMS was formed. Presbyterian and Congregational churches continued the organization. In its first year, there were 169 missionaries. Five years later, there were 506 missionaries.

Scope and Contents

All of the documents in this collection are photostats of original letters sent by missionaries on the frontier to the Society's home office in New York between 1825 and 1835. There are applications of churches, accounts of travel, and requests for advice. Statistical reports give the number of conversions, Sabbath school scholars, signers of the temperance pledge, churches established, collections for benevolent causes, and young men preparing for the ministry. Many of the letters are addressed to Rev. Absalom Peters (1793-1869), who was the secretary of the Society. Two of the missionaries who wrote letters were Simeon Salisbury, who graduated from the Massachusetts Theological Seminary, and Eliphalet Kent, a graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts.

There are also two reels of positive microfilm and 12 reels of negative microfilm of the Society's papers.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records donation from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1931 March and April.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2016/1/7 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Subject(s)

- Missionaries

Letters 1825-1827

Collection Inventory

Letters 1825-1827	Box	Folder
	1	1
Letters 1828	1	2
Letters 1829	1	3
Letters, Jan.-June 1830	1	4
Letters, July-Dec. 1830	1	5
Letters, Jan.-April 1831	2	1
Letters, May-Aug. 1831	2	2
Letters, Sept.-Dec., 1831	2	3
Letters, Jan.-June 1832	2	4
Letters, July-Dec. 1832	2	5
Letters, Jan.-June 1833	2	6
Letters, July-Dec. 1833	2	7

Letters 1825-1827

Letters, Jan.-April 1834	3	1
Letters, May-Aug. 1834	3	2
Letters, Sept.-Dec. 1834	3	3
Letters, Jan.-April 1835	1	4
Letters, May-Dec. 1835	3	5